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- 1. AT THE CLOSE OF CONTACT GROUP MEETING LATE APRIL 5 REPORTED SEPTEL, AT WHICH WE ASKED FOR CONTACT GROUP SUPPORT FOR US-LAUNCHED INITIATIVE ON WALVIS BAY (SECTO 03079), AMBASSADOR MURRAY OF THE UK ASKED URGENTLY TO SPEAK PRIVATELY WITH AMBASSADOR LEONARD. WHEN LEONARD WAS UNAVAILABLE, MURRAY SPOKE WITH POLCOUNS, ALTHOUGH HIS INSTRUCTIONS WERE TO PUT A QUERY TO US AT THE PERMREP LEVEL.
- 2. MURRAY SAID HE WAS INSTRUCTED TO ASK US "DIRECTLY" WHETHER THE US, IN ITS CONTACTS WITH THE FRONTLINE STATE REPRESENTATIVES IN LAGOS OR ELSEWHERE, HAD GIVEN ANY FURTHER ASSURANCES BEYOND THE STATEMENTS WE HAD MADE TO THEM CONCERNING WALVIS BAY. MURRAY SAID HMG WAS SUFFICIENTLY "SURPRISED" BY THE REVELATION OF US UNILATERAL ACTIONS ON WALVIS BAY TO WONDER WHETHER THERE WERE ANY OTHER SUBJECTS ON WHICH THE US HAD MOVED SEPARATELY FROM FIVE POWER AGREEMENTS ON TACTICS AND STRATEGY.
- 3. POLCOUNS UNDERTOOK TO REPORT THE DIRECT QUESTION TO THE DEPARTMENT AND TO CONVEY AND RESPONSE THE DEPARTMENT SECRET

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